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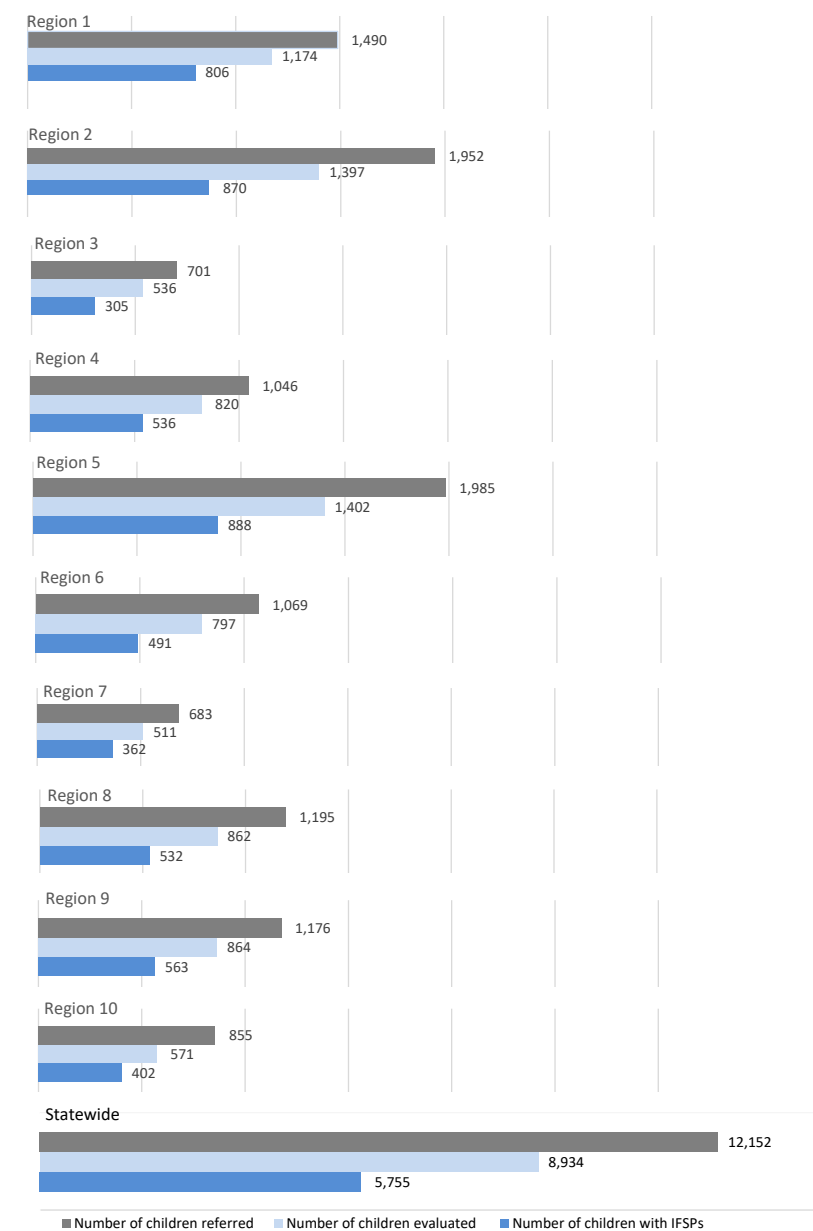
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**Number of Unduplicated Referrals, Number of Children Evaluated, and IFSP  
Unduplicated Referrals During Last 12 months (November 2023 to October 2024)**

SPOE	Category	Number/Rate
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)	Number of children referred	1,490
	Number of children evaluated	1,174
	Number of children with IFSPs	806
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	68.7%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)	Number of children referred	1,952
	Number of children evaluated	1,397
	Number of children with IFSPs	870
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	62.3%
Northeast (Reg. 3)	Number of children referred	701
	Number of children evaluated	536
	Number of children with IFSPs	305
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	56.9%
Northwest (Reg. 4)	Number of children referred	1,046
	Number of children evaluated	820
	Number of children with IFSPs	536
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	65.4%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)	Number of children referred	1,985
	Number of children evaluated	1,402
	Number of children with IFSPs	888
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	63.3%
Central (Reg. 6)	Number of children referred	1,069
	Number of children evaluated	797
	Number of children with IFSPs	491
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	61.6%
Southwest (Reg. 7)	Number of children referred	683
	Number of children evaluated	511
	Number of children with IFSPs	362
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	70.8%
South Central (Reg. 8)	Number of children referred	1,195
	Number of children evaluated	862
	Number of children with IFSPs	532
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	61.7%
East Central (Reg. 9)	Number of children referred	1,176
	Number of children evaluated	864
	Number of children with IFSPs	563
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	65.2%
Southeast (Reg. 10)	Number of children referred	855
	Number of children evaluated	571
	Number of children with IFSPs	402
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	70.4%
Statewide	Number of children referred	12,152
	Number of children evaluated	8,934
	Number of children with IFSPs	5,755
	IFSP rate for all evaluated children	64.4%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals.

**Comparison of Number of Unduplicated Referrals, Children Evaluated,  
and Children with IFSPs by SPOE and Statewide**



# Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

## Referrals Include Multiple Referrals Per Child

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	840	92	179	820
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	353	19	77	464
IFSP Rate	42.0%	20.7%	43.0%	56.6%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,219	120	147	1,089
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	399	23	44	510
IFSP Rate	32.7%	19.2%	29.9%	46.8%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	608	45	86	174
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	222	9	40	85
IFSP Rate	36.5%	20.0%	46.5%	48.9%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	566	42	111	536
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	238	7	45	302
IFSP Rate	42.0%	16.7%	40.5%	56.3%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,188	192	214	869
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	434	42	90	422
IFSP Rate	36.5%	21.9%	42.1%	48.6%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	927	74	142	273
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	340	20	48	148
IFSP Rate	36.7%	27.0%	33.8%	54.2%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	420	46	119	261
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	151	16	65	167
IFSP Rate	36.0%	34.8%	54.6%	64.0%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	698	191	238	368
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	283	41	94	184
IFSP Rate	40.5%	21.5%	39.5%	50.0%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	728	136	150	478
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	302	23	72	245
IFSP Rate	41.5%	16.9%	48.0%	51.3%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	623	111	1,516	270
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	242	18	627	159
IFSP Rate	38.8%	16.2%	41.4%	58.9%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	7,817	1,049	1,516	5,138
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	2,964	218	627	2,686
IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source	37.9%	20.8%	41.4%	52.3%
% by Source - Statewide	50.4%	6.8%	9.8%	33.1%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals.

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

### Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	613	119	290	128	1,150
	Percent	53.3%	10.3%	24.5%	11.1%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	761	147	252	184	1,344
	Percent	56.6%	10.9%	20.6%	13.7%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	304	22	119	51	496
	Percent	61.3%	4.4%	31.9%	10.3%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	483	29	136	54	702
	Percent	68.8%	4.1%	19.2%	7.7%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	802	24	247	136	1,209
	Percent	66.3%	2.0%	22.0%	11.2%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	515	24	183	98	820
	Percent	62.8%	2.9%	26.4%	12.0%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	354	31	89	30	504
	Percent	70.2%	6.2%	18.0%	6.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	484	82	173	61	800
	Percent	60.5%	10.3%	19.0%	7.6%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	561	28	196	100	885
	Percent	63.4%	3.2%	24.1%	11.3%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	418	12	138	58	626
	Percent	66.8%	1.9%	21.3%	9.3%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	5,295	518	1,823	900	8,536
	Percent	62.0%	6.1%	21.4%	10.5%	100.0%

\* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

### Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting\*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	1,020	111	1,131	3	1,134
	Percent	89.9%	9.8%	99.7%	0.3%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,178	147	1,325	6	1,331
	Percent	88.5%	11.0%	99.5%	0.5%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	452	39	491	1	492
	Percent	91.9%	7.9%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	637	57	694	0	694
	Percent	91.8%	8.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,117	77	1,194	0	1,194
	Percent	93.6%	6.4%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	731	82	813	2	815
	Percent	89.7%	10.1%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	438	60	498	0	498
	Percent	88.0%	12.0%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	660	122	782	0	782
	Percent	84.4%	15.6%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	825	47	872	1	873
	Percent	94.5%	5.4%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	550	73	623	0	623
	Percent	88.3%	11.7%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	7,608	815	8,423	13	8,436
	Percent	90.2%	9.7%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%

\*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

\*\* Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

### Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	5.12%	4.32%	4.31%	3.52%	3.62%	4.49%	3.95%	3.48%	4.60%	4.33%	4.14%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	4.67%	3.23%	0.00%	2.26%	2.56%	3.62%	2.17%	5.09%	5.39%	2.83%	3.35%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	5.82%	4.79%	5.14%	4.23%	3.80%	5.61%	4.27%	3.39%	5.65%	5.59%	4.75%
White											
% of Pop.	4.75%	4.09%	4.27%	3.44%	3.63%	4.33%	4.03%	3.48%	4.50%	4.11%	4.01%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	14.29%	2.54%	0.00%	2.44%	0.00%	0.00%	1.48%	1.54%	3.85%	3.45%	1.64%

\*Census data (2023 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

\*\*Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

### Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	102	101	24	94	200	76	89	73	50	35	844
Under 3 Pop.	1,478	1,738	489	1,933	5,361	1,263	1,777	1,571	940	724	17,274
% of Pop.	6.90%	5.81%	4.91%	4.86%	3.73%	6.02%	5.01%	4.65%	5.32%	4.83%	4.89%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
Active Children	1,048	1,243	472	608	1,009	744	415	727	835	591	7,692
Under 3 Pop.	20,976	29,390	11,014	18,013	28,047	17,004	10,983	21,400	18,306	13,731	188,864
% of Pop.	5.00%	4.23%	4.29%	3.38%	3.60%	4.38%	3.78%	3.40%	4.56%	4.30%	4.07%

### Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.2%	2.8%	4.5%	13.1%	3.4%	18.8%	7.7%	43.7%	5.9%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.1%	3.2%	2.8%	11.1%	3.6%	13.1%	4.5%	53.7%	7.9%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.6%	0.0%	3.6%	12.0%	3.4%	13.4%	4.2%	60.2%	2.5%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.3%	3.1%	2.8%	21.1%	4.5%	9.5%	5.4%	49.8%	3.5%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.3%	0.7%	6.4%	16.4%	1.8%	8.5%	7.2%	54.3%	4.4%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.5%	0.5%	3.0%	17.2%	1.9%	12.8%	8.7%	51.3%	4.1%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.5%	12.1%	3.7%	15.9%	2.8%	6.1%	9.3%	45.1%	4.4%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.3%	0.9%	2.4%	22.3%	3.4%	9.2%	8.2%	47.0%	6.3%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.0%	1.9%	5.2%	15.4%	1.1%	14.1%	9.3%	49.6%	3.4%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.4%	0.8%	2.0%	21.4%	3.0%	15.1%	9.5%	39.7%	8.1%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.3%	2.4%	3.8%	16.2%	2.9%	12.3%	7.2%	49.6%	5.3%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.